

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
EASTERN DIVISION

JEFFREY BUTLER, )  
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Plaintiff,         )  
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VS.                 )                  No. 1-04-1160-T-An  
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ORMET ALUMINUM MILLS )  
PRODUCTS, et al.,    )  
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Defendants.        )

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**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

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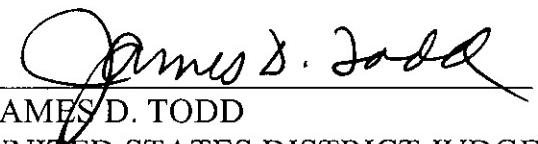
Plaintiff Jeffrey Butler filed a *pro se* complaint against his former employer, Defendant Ormet Aluminum Mills Products, as well as against Defendant West Tennessee Healthcare, Inc., alleging racial discrimination, unlawful termination, and adverse employment action. On December 6, 2004, this court dismissed West Tennessee Healthcare as a party to the action. On April 22, 2005, Plaintiff obtained an entry for default with the Clerk against the remaining defendant, Ormet, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a). Before the court is Plaintiff's motion for default judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b).

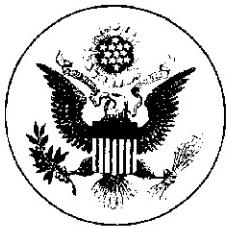
Under Rule 55 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the court may grant a default judgment against a defendant who has failed to file an answer or motion to dismiss within twenty days from the date that the complaint was filed, or within such additional time as the Court has granted. The Rule provides that "[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for

affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend as provided by these rules and that fact is made to appear by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk shall enter the party's default." Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a). Once a party has obtained an entry of default from the Clerk under Rule 55(a), the party may then seek a default judgment pursuant to Rule 55(b). United Coin Meter Co. v. Seaboard Coastline R.R., 705 F.2d 839, 844 (6th Cir. 1983)

Because Defendant has failed to file an answer or otherwise defend this action, Plaintiff's motion for default judgment against Ormet is GRANTED. The matter is hereby REFERRED to Magistrate Judge S. Thomas Anderson for a hearing and report and recommendation on damages.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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JAMES D. TODD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
  
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DATE



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